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shoe portion freely slidable relative to the base sliding face;

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a plurality of blade springs disposed on the second face of the blade shoe for applying a biasing force to the blade shoe; and

a friction surface disposed between the second blade shoe portion and the sliding face of the base having a coefficient of friction different than a coefficient of friction of the sliding face of the base effective to damp vibrations of the tensioner.

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13. A method of applying tension to a chain with a blade tensioner, the method comprising:

providing a base having a sliding surface formed thereon;

pivotably attaching a first portion of a blade shoe to the base, the blade shoe having a chain sliding face and an opposing face opposite the chain sliding face, the blade shoe having a second portion slidable relative to the base sliding surface;

biasing the blade shoe against the chain with at least one blade spring disposed on the opposing face of the blade shoe;

damping vibrations of the tensioner with a friction surface having a coefficient of friction different from a coefficient of friction of the base sliding surface provided between the second portion of the shoe and the base sliding surface.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, 13, and 14 are presently pending. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1 and 13 are amended.